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Letter dated 18 September 2006 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-first session, on 13 September 2006, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/61/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Items allocated to the Third Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 41].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Social development [item 60]:

   (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

   (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

   (c) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all;

   (d) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

4. Advancement of women [item 61]:

   (a) Advancement of women;

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 58 (Operational activities for development).]

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

D. Promotion of human rights

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 63]:

   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

6. Indigenous issues [item 64]:

   (a) Indigenous issues;

   (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

7. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [item 65]:

   (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

8. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 66].

9. Promotion and protection of human rights [item 67]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

10. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 98].

11. International drug control [item 99].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 110].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 110 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.]

13. Programme planning [item 118].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 118 also to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.]